Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-916

Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Pasadena Guesthouse

2. Location

street & number Royal Oak Road ___ not for publication

city, town Royal Oak ___ vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
_X_ building(s)	_X_ private	_X_ unoccupied	_X_ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	_X_ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	_X_ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Schwaben International Inc.

street & number Suite 3413 telephone no.:

city, town New York state and zip code New York 10048

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 448

street & number folio 96

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	___ original site
_X_ good	___ ruins	_X_ altered	_X_ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Pasadena Guesthouse is located on the west side of Royal Oak Road facing the Pasadena Inn in Royal Oak, Talbot County, Maryland. The house faces east with the principle gable oriented on a north/south axis.

This two story frame structure is sheathed in white weatherboard and finished with cornerboards and a boxed cornice. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles and the foundation consists of brick piers.

The east (main) elevation has a central six panel red door with narrow surrounds flanked on either side by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds and red, louvered shutters. The second floor is lit by two six-over-six sash windows.

The south elevation is blind.

The west elevation has a projecting, two-story, shed roof, central bay clad in particle board, roofed with tin, and supported by a cinderblock foundation. The first and second floors of this projection are lit by one one-over-one sash windows. This addition is flanked on either side by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds which light the first and second floors.

The north elevation is blind. The ghost of a door formerly located on the first floor is visible.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion	
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science	
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture	
___ 1600–1699	_X_ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian	
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater	
_X_ 1800–1899	_X_ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation	
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)	
		___ invention			

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B _X_C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national _X_state _X_local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Harper family, owners of the nearby Pasadena Inn, moved tenant houses and farm buildings onto their property to serve as guesthouses for the overflow of summer visitors at their boarding house. Probably an old tenant farmer house, this structure was purchased by the Harpers and moved by means of a slow steam operated threshing machine. Its exact origins and former ownership are unclear.

Except for the single bay, two-story addition on the west side of the building which is invisible from the road, this house has changed very little over the years. The severe facade it presents, in conjunction with the two other Pasadena Inn guesthouses on this side of the road, suggests the appearance Royal Oak may have initially presented.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Leonard, Bernice. Twig and Turf III: The Royal Oak.
Decorah, Iowa: Anundsen Pub.Co., 1985.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

A	Zone	Easting	Northing	B	Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission **date** 12/31/91

street & number **telephone**

city or town Easton **state** MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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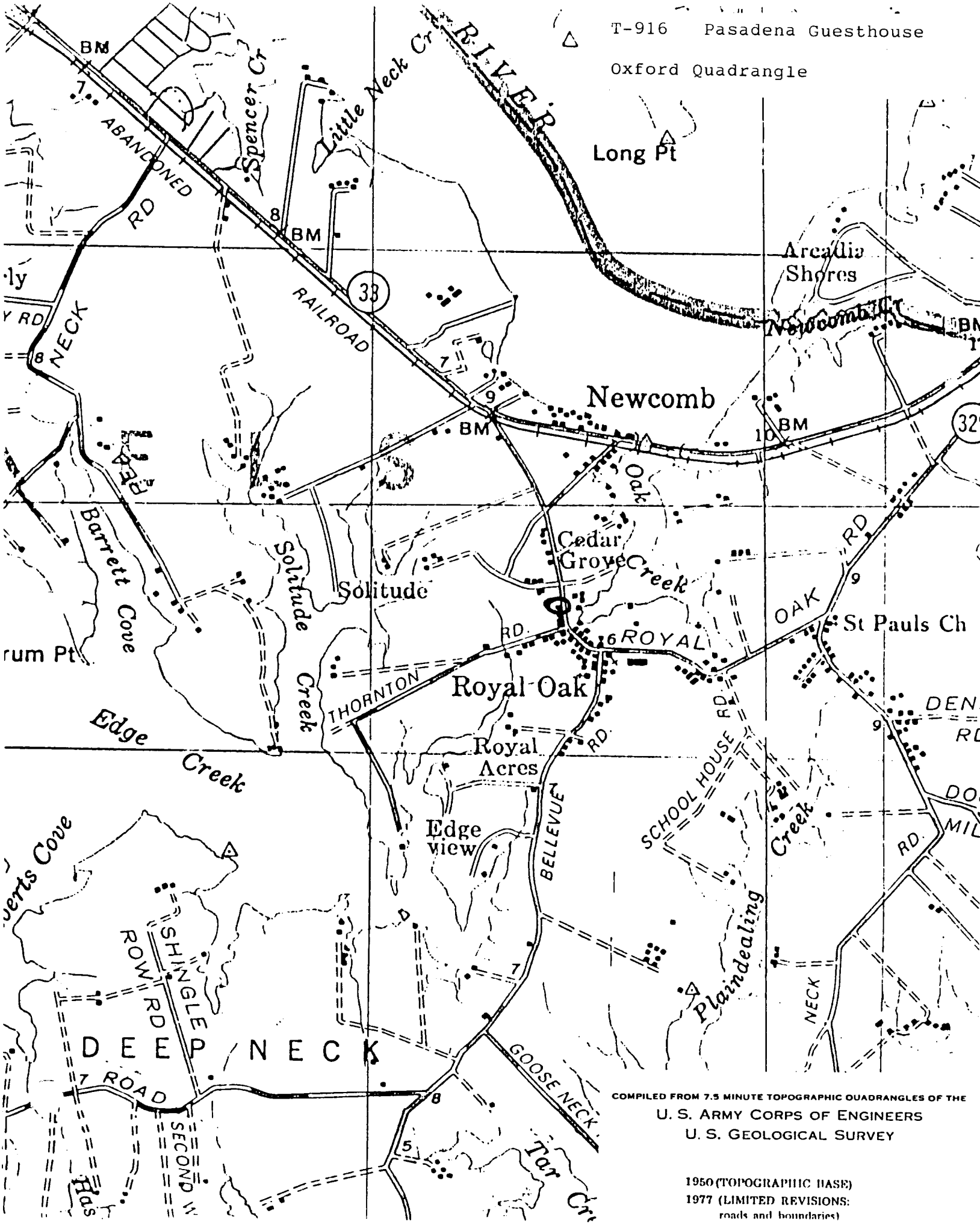

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1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)
1977 (LIMITED REVISIONS: roads and boundaries)

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